

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1                   1.       (Currently amended): A transmitting device which is provided with a  
2   plurality of communication interfaces connectable to a plurality of respective communication  
3   lines and transmits data through the communication interface, <new line>  
4                    wherein, if a communication line connected to the transmitting device is  
5   disconnected while data is being transmitted to a destination, an other communication line that is  
6   connected to the transmitting device is selected to reestablish communication with the  
7   destination, the other communication line being selected from among a plurality of alternate  
8   communication lines connected to the transmitting device based on a plurality of criteria  
9   comprising two or more of communication speed, communication cost, power consumption,  
10   reliability of the line connection, condition of communication line, condition of transmitting  
11   device, and condition of receiver at the destination; <new line>  
12                   ~~an appropriate communication line is selected based on predetermined criteria for~~  
13   ~~communication line connection;~~  
14                    wherein a communication interface corresponding to the selected communication  
15   line is driven to establish connection with the communication line; and <new line>  
16                    wherein the data is transmitted over the selected communication line.

1                   2.       (Currently amended): A transmitting device which is provided with a  
2   plurality of communication interfaces connectable to communication lines and transmits data  
3   through the communication interfaces, the transmitting device further comprising a data storing  
4   means for storing data to be transmitted, wherein[[],]:<new line>  
5                    if a communication line is disconnected while data is being transmitted to a  
6   destination, an appropriate communication line from among alternative communication lines  
7   connected to the transmitting devices is selected based on [[a]] predetermined criteria [[for]]to

8 reestablish a communication line connection, the predetermined criteria including two or more of  
9 communication speed, communication cost, power consumption, reliability of the line  
10 connection, condition of communication line, condition of transmitting device, and condition of  
11 receiver at the destination; <new line>

12 a communication interface corresponding to the communication line is driven to  
13 establish connection with the communication line; and <new line>

14 said data generated and stored in said data storing means while the  
15 communication line is disconnected is transmitted together with data to be transmitted.

3-12 (Canceled)

1 13. (Currently amended): A transmitting method for a transmitting device  
2 which is provided with a plurality of communication interfaces connectable to communication  
3 lines and transmits data through the communication interfaces, wherein, if a communication line  
4 is disconnected while data is being transmitted to a destination, a communication interface  
5 corresponding to another communication line is driven to establish connection with the  
6 communication line and data is transmitted, wherein the other communication line is selected  
7 from among a plurality of alternative communication lines based on predetermined criteria  
8 comprising two or more of communication speed, communication cost, power consumption,  
9 reliability of the line connection, condition of communication line, condition of transmitting  
10 device, and condition of receiver at the destination.

1 14. (Currently amended): A transmitting method for a transmitting device  
2 which is provided with a plurality of communication interfaces connectable to communication  
3 lines and transmits data through the communication interfaces, wherein, if a communication line  
4 is disconnected while data is being transmitted, a communication interface corresponding to  
5 another communication line is driven to establish connection with the communication line, and  
6 said data stored while the communication line is disconnected is transmitted together with data to  
7 be transmitted over the other communication line, wherein the other communication line is  
8 selected from among a plurality of alternative communication lines based on predetermined

- 9 criteria comprising two or more of communication speed, communication cost, power  
10 consumption, reliability of the line connection, condition of communication line, condition of  
11 transmitting device, and condition of receiver at the destination.

15-18. (Canceled)